

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 12, 2016

6:00 PM

Magnolia Fire Hall

6:00 PM - Call to Order

Called to order at 6:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier; Rebecca Campbell, Mike Cohill, Scott Fowler and Shawn Ramsey. Ralph Satterfield and Diane Cahall were present.

Additions/deletions to published agenda

No changes to agenda.

Council Minutes of previous meeting

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Cohill and seconded by Shawn Ramsey.

Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills was submitted by Diane Cahall. We received Vacant Building Registration for 9 South Main. All paperwork has been submitted for Drinking Water Grant. Water has been shut off for Ann Hartnett property. Water bills will go out the end of December. A motion was made by Mike Cohill to approve the report and pay the bills, seconded by Rebecca Campbell. Motion was passed.

Public Works Report

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report.

Flushed hydrants- all normal. Dressed flags as needed. Grass cutting done for the season. Put up the Christmas lights. DelDot cleaned the streets. The ceiling fell in the pump room and needs repair. FYI: 6 crashes around Walnut and Main in 10 days - 2 of them hit and run. Wreaths for America will be here Thursday, December 15th at 1:30 pm.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,063,000 gallons of water during November 2016. Pump 2: 478,000 gallons. Pump 3: 585,000 gallons. Well levels: 31', 26' and 31'. Pump 2 ran 35.7 hours, Pump 3 ran 35.6 hours. Chlorine average chlorine is .153. The water to the Lane property has been turned off. Council discussed that Ed Marvel is aging and we should look ahead to future staffing. We could look to Tidewater for hourly work; what would we do if both the water supervisor and assistant are unavailable. Scott will provide the phone number for Tidewater contact or Delaware Rural Water Association to use until someone is hired.

The Town used less water than normal; the well levels are fine. Chlorine is normal. Small issue with chemical pump; corrected. Henry Mast from Aztech is done with the fire hydrants. Scott will contract Scott Powell regarding replacing the ceiling in the pump room. No major water issues last month, more chemicals have been ordered. Drinking Water Grant: Program is complete and Diane has sent paperwork to Office of Drinking Water for draws one and two. When we receive invoices from Duffield, Diane will get paperwork signed by Scott Fowler, scan and email in for payment. Payment will be deposited directly into our checking account

New Business

a. The town Comprehensive Place was updated 5 years ago; we now have a 2 year lead time to prepare for the 2019 revised plan. The University of Delaware IPA (Institute of Public Administration) will be contacted by Mayor Frazier to assist with the plan. We must discuss how to reduce the to-do list; we do not have the funds or resources to accomplish items on the list. Barrett Edwards will assist with plan options.

b. Council approved using the same snow removal as last year: Wright Contracting. Tyler's number is in the town hall.

c. Ordinance 703 implementations: Discussion continued on abandoned and neglected structures in the town. 12 West Walnut demolished. 15 West Walnut - no activity. 28 West Walnut - Schmid no activity. 32 South Main - realtor activity, auction starting bid \$32,000. VA owned, realtor sign out front. 9 North Main - sold at auction; Mayor Frazier and Diane met with new owner and issued a building permit. 20 South Main no activity. 9 South - owner working slowly to improve. 19 South Main - children went to bank and attorney trying to regain the house; there is a leaking oil tank on the rear of the property. 6 West Walnut and 31 South Main which is the apartment building on South Main, no activity. Council discussed if we should get in the practice of purchasing run down property. Council has not heard any further information on the Vautard plans for South Main purchase. Mayor Frazier will send letters to the two tone house and Glanden house for updates on repairs and upkeep.

d. Curb Painting; Buck Dougherty working on curbs in front of Shawn Ramsey's home. Trying to get estimate to repair and then we will get curb painters back.

e. CTF Sidewalks; Duane Schaeffer was contacted to fix curbs. We must apply for CTF funds, a new person is coming in to run CTF. Ralph will get a quote from Charles Dougherty for curb repair.

f. Truck Traffic: More going North to South, less East to West.

g. MVFC Traffic problem: Two traffic cones were stolen. Fire department is adding more parking on back of property and putting up parking for compact cars only signs.

Adjournment

Rebecca Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm. Shawn Ramsey. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall